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(54) Title: IMPROVED FC FUSION PROTEINS

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to fusion proteins comprising at least a first domain and a second domain selected from a constant Fc immunoglobulin domain.

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1. claims: 1-5 (all partially), 9-23 (all partially), 24-26 (all complete), 33-41 (all partially), 42-43 (all complete), 44-47 (all partially), 51 (partially)

A fusion protein comprising CD95 and a constant immunoglobulin domain, i.e. the sequences as disclosed in Figures 3A and 3B (SEQ ID NO. 15 and 18)

2. claims: 1-5 (all partially), 9-23 (all partially), 27-29 (all complete), 33-41 (all partially), 44-47 (all partially), 51 (partially)

A fusion protein comprising TRAIL-R1, -R2, -R3, -R4 and a constant immunoglobulin domain, i.e. the sequences as disclosed in Figures 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 15 (SEQ ID NO. 21-24, 27-32, 34-38, 41-44, 47-52, 54-58, and 61-64).

3. claims: 1-5 (all partially), 9-23 (all partially), 30-32 (all complete), 33-40 (all partially), 44-47 (all partially), 51 (partially)

A fusion protein comprising TNF-R1, -R2 and a constant immunoglobulin domain, i.e. the sequences as disclosed in Figures 17 and 19 (SEQ ID NO. 67-73 and 76-82).

4. claims: 1-5, 9-23, 33-40, 44-46, 51 (all partially)

A fusion protein comprising a VEGF receptor and a constant immunoglobulin domain.

5. claims: 1, 2, 6-23, 33-40, 44, 45, 48, 49, 51 (all partially)

A fusion protein comprising CD95 ligand and a constant immunoglobulin domain.

6. claims: 1, 2, 6-23, 33-40, 44, 45, 48, 49, 51 (all partially)

A fusion protein comprising TRAIL and a constant immunoglobulin domain.

7. claims: 1, 2, 6-23, 33-40, 44, 45, 48, 49, 51 (all partially)

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A fusion protein comprising TNF and a constant immunoglobulin domain.

8. claims: 1, 2, 6-23, 33-40, 44, 45, 48, 49, 51 (all partially)

A fusion protein comprising VEGF and a constant immunoglobulin domain.

9. claims: 1, 2, 6-23, 33-40, 44, 45, 48, 49, 51 (all partially)

A fusion protein comprising IL-15 and a constant immunoglobulin domain.

10. claims: 45 (partially), 50 (complete), 51 (partially)

A fusion protein comprising a biologically active polypeptide and an oligomerising portion of a protein selected from C1q, MBP, SP-1, SP-D, BC, CL43, ACRP30, COMP, and the collagen domain of EDA as disclosed in claim 50.

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